

a. three tubular members arranged in end to end relation, each of the tubular members having an interior bore, the tubular members comprising;

i. a first tubular member having a first axis,
ii. a second tubular member having a second axis,
iii. a central tubular member centrally disposed between the first tubular member and the second tubular member and having a third axis, the first axis and the second axis being offset from the third axis such that adjustment is effected by rotating at least one of the first tubular member and the second tubular member in order to alter the positioning of the first axis or the second axis relative to the third axis,

b. an internal tubular member extending into and engaging the interior bores of the three tubular members thereby maintaining the tubular members in end to end relation with the axes in a predetermined relative position;

[a.] c. the internal tubular member having an external surface, a first end and a second end, a spline extending radially outwardly from the external surface intermediate the first end and the second end and threads on the external surface adjacent the first end and the second end, the threads at one of the first end and the second end being offset;

[b.] d. the first tubular member having a first end face and an interior bore, the interior bore having interior threads adjacent the first end face such that the first tubular member is adapted to threadedly engage the first end of the [interior] internal tubular member;

[c.] e. the second tubular member having a second end face and an interior bore, the interior bore having interior threads adjacent the second end face such that the second tubular member is adapted to threadedly engage the second end of the [interior] internal tubular member;

[d.] f. the central tubular member having an interior bore, a first end and a second end, the central tubular member telescopically receiving and being axially moveable between the first end and the second end of the [interior] internal tubular member, the interior bore having a spline extending radially

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inwardly, such that the spline mates with the spline on the exterior surface of the [interior] internal tubular member to non-rotatably couple the [interior] internal tubular member with the central tubular member, at least one of the ends of the central tubular member having a mating clutch engagement with at least one of the first end of the first tubular member and the second end of the second tubular member.

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for drawing to his attention inconsistencies in the Disclosure and Drawings. It is believed that the proposed amendments to the Disclosure and the Drawings address those matters which the Examiner has identified.

The Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for pointing out amendments required to place claim 2 in a suitable condition for allowance. Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 and is now believed allowable.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for making the prior art of record in this application. These references have been reviewed by the Applicant and appear to be no more relevant than the applied art and thus further comment relating thereto is not submitted.

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is earnestly requested by the Applicant.